

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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March 5, 2012

7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: David & Kemily Benes, Ruth Blake, Robert Dunphy, Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, John Mullin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Wendy Witham, and Bonnie Baker.

- 1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:03.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
 - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated February 20, 2012. Accepted as written.(3-0)
 - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #5 totaling \$38,635.38. (3-0)
 - 3.3 Reviewed Results from Annual Town Meeting held March 3, 2012. B. Baker submitted official minutes (See Attached).
 - 3.4 C. Taylor was appointed BOS chair (3-0).
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations:** C. Taylor stated that interviews would be held Tuesday, March 13th from 12:00-17:00. He asked B. Baker to post/advertise the positions. He asked that candidates be instructed to contact B. Baker before close of business on Friday, March 9th to schedule an interview. He added that appointments would be made on March 19th.
 - 4.1 **Planning Board Members & Alternates:** Tabled until next meeting.
 - 4.2 **Appeals Board Members:** Tabled until next meeting.
 - 4.3 **Animal Control Officer:** Tabled until next meeting.
 - 4.4 **Code Enforcement Officer:** Tabled until next meeting.
 - 4.5 **Local Plumbing Inspector:** Tabled until next meeting.
 - 4.6 **E-911 Addressing Officer:** Tabled until next meeting.
 - 4.7 **Recreation Director:** Tabled until next meeting.
 - 4.8 **Emergency Management Director:** Tabled until next meeting.
 - 4.9 **Health Officer:** Not needed. Term is not up until 2014.
 - 4.10 **General Assistance Officer:** E. Pratt was appointed as the General Assistance Officer. (2-0)
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 5.1 **E-911 – No Report.**
 - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor –** C. Taylor stated the BOS would sign the new contract this fall.
 - 5.3 **Animal Control – No Report.**
 - 5.4 **Board of Assessors – No Report.**
 - 5.4.1 B. Baker stated that the BOA meeting from last week had been rescheduled for this Thursday.
 - 5.5 **Planning Board –** L. Mayo stated the next meeting would be this Thursday at 19:00.
 - 5.6 **Plumbing Inspector –** L. Mayo said he had nothing to report.
 - 5.7 **Board of Appeals – No Report.**
 - 5.8 **Code Enforcement Officer –**
 - 5.8.1 R. Dunphy stated he had 2 applications for this meeting: the Cardinal Drive subdivision and replacing a deck.
 - 5.8.2 He added that Roosevelt's lawyer, Al Stephens, was working on the application.
 - 5.9 **Health Officer –** R. Dunphy stated he had not heard anything yet.
 - 5.10 **Road Commissioner – No Report.**
 - 5.11 **M.S.A.D. #74 – No Report.**
 - 5.12 **Recreational Director –**
 - 5.12.1 W. Witham asked whether the ECC wanted to hold onto the supplies she had placed in the science/TOPS room. She said that there were a couple of her books that she wanted back, but most of the stuff would stay.
 - 5.12.2 C. Taylor read letter from W. Witham. He thanked her for what she had done last year.
 - 5.12.3 W. Witham suggested that the town put up signs at CHS to advertise for someone to run the swim program this summer. She said that Dan Foss was unavailable. C. Taylor stated that perhaps the town could do a pay-as-you-go for the Alford Center in Waterville.

- 5.12.4 She stated that Track & Field had been a new pilot program this year. She added that she had spoken with Tammy Murray in Anson, and Anson Rec. had agreed to take on the program.
- 5.12.5 W. Witham said that the Ski Club still had 6 sessions remaining. She stated that they rented a bus and asked for a \$5 donation from those who rode it to help defer the cost. She said that she had money to turn in for the last 2 trips. She added that the Ski Club seemed to be the most popular thing with the Embden kids and adults. She said that there had been enough of an interest that there was talk of a mid-level ski team in the schools.
- 5.12.6 She submitted a check from Madison Paper.
- 5.12.7 She stated she had flyers for British Soccer. She said that Danni would be taking that over, and [W. Witham] would be the local contact. She added that the program would take place at the end of June in North Anson.
- 5.12.8 R. Dunphy stated he felt that it was a good idea to force some of these projects onto the building next door.
- 5.12.9 W. Witham said that Cliff Stephens was having an 8th grade travel team, and 3 of the starting players were Embden residents. She stated that he had asked Embden Rec. to pay the \$170 cost for a tournament.
- 5.12.10 C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to allow W. Witham to approve Rec. Department funds until a new Rec. Director was found and appointed. (3-0) He added that they could wait until the 1st meeting in April to appoint a new Rec. Director so W. Witham could finish out the remaining Ski Club events.
- 5.12.11 W. Witham stated that Jay Strickland, a property owner on the Loon Road, had snowmobile trails which he was interested in letting the Rec. Dept. use for cross country skiing and running.

5.13 Town Clerk/Treasurer – B. Baker stated she did not have much to report at this time.

5.14 Registrar of Voters: B. Baker said both the Democratic & Republican Caucuses were done.

5.15 Tax Collector:

- 5.15.1 R. Blake submitted a report.
- 5.15.2 She stated that she was working on getting out 170 reminder notices.
- 5.15.3 C. Taylor asked how much had come in since the last meeting. R. Blake stated she did not know. C. Taylor read from the report: \$142,286.77 outstanding.

5.16 Community Center –

- 5.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated there would be a supper Saturday night.
- 5.16.2 W. McLaughlin read the proposed lease of the Community Center to the ECC. Extensive discussion continued. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to sign the lease. (2-0) C. Taylor stated that he had abstained. He asked R. Blake to provide a copy of the lease to the Town Clerk.
- 5.16.3 C. Taylor stated a plumbing leak had been fixed at the Community Center today.

5.17 Emergency Management Directors –

- 5.17.1 R. Dunphy stated he had been called to a meeting today to start the process of getting a generator. B. Baker asked whether they would have to have an EMT and nurse on site 24-7 while the shelter was in operation. R. Dunphy replied, “Only if John and I want it.” J. Mullin added that it would depend on the situation

6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

- 6.1 E. Pratt asked whether the town was going to do anything with Energy Maine. She stated it would be a 17% decrease in cost from CMP. C. Taylor stated he would come in and do that.
- 6.2 E. Pratt stated they had not yet received a contract from Time Warner. She added that TWC did not want to do anything for the town. She said that they had built the line at least 15 years ago, and hadn’t done anything since then. She said she did not feel that the town should subsidize them.

7 Old Business:

- 7.1 **Town of Embden Policies:** C. Taylor said the BOS needed to come up with smoking and sexual harassment policies.

8 New Business:

- 8.1 **Open & Award Bid for Fire Protection:** BOS opened bids. J. Mullin stated that he highly recommended getting together with the Town of Anson’s BOS to discuss the possibility of a 3- or 5-year contract. The following bids were read:

New Portland – **Option A)** \$36,000 excluding EMS services. 3-year contract contingent on acceptable 1st year.
 Option B) 1 year bid coinciding with bid from Solon. \$24,000 New Portland Road to Fahi/Dunbar, responding to any structure fires and additionally as needed

Solon - East side of town, 1 year \$12,000. Also included inspection of chimneys & stoves free of charge.

Bid awarded (per Town Meeting decision) to Anson Fire Department.

9 Correspondence:

- 9.1 BOS reviewed and signed Waste Management Contract Addendum.
- 9.2 BOS processed a Concealed Weapons Permit application.
- 9.3 The remainder of the Correspondence was reviewed.

10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

- 10.1 **Open Public Forum:** None.
- 10.2 **Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME\$405):** None.

11 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

- 11.1 Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, March 19, 2012.
- 11.2 Motion to adjourn made by C. Taylor (2nd- W. McLaughlin). Adjourned 21:08 (3-0).